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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION/PRESS REVIEW, JAN. 19, 1984.

~~EM SENATOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN:IMCITTEL~~

A) ALL MEDIA REPORT ON MOYNIHAN'S MEETING YESTERDAY WITH
 PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR, DURING WHICH "THE INFLUENTIAL
 SENATOR PLEDGED HIS SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE U.S.
 EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM, FOR FREE EMIGRATION OF SOVIET JEWS
 AND FOR THE FREE TRADE ZONE IDEA."

RM U.S.-ISRAEL FREE TRADE TALKS:

A) AL-HAMISHMAR REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON (CORR. UNNAMED)
 THAT "THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION IS TAKING A POSITIVE VIEW
 OF THE FREE TRADE ZONE IDEA AND IS SEEKING TO CONCLUDE
 THE TALKS ON THE ISSUE BEFORE THE DISSOLUTION OF THE
 CONGRESS ON THE EVE OF NEXT YEAR'S PRESIDENTIAL
 ELECTIONS." THAT MUCH, WRITES AL-HAMISHMAR, WAS SAID
 YESTERDAY BY THE AMERICANS AT THE BILATERAL TALKS IN
 WASHINGTON.

S. THE DOMESTIC SCENE:

A) ALL MEDIA FRONTPAGE WHAT YEDIOT CALLS "THE STINGING
 DEFEAT" SUFFERED YESTERDAY BY THE GOV'T IN THE KNESSET,
 WHEN IT COULD NOT MUSTER A MAJORITY TO KILL FOUR
 PROPOSALS TABLED BY THE OPPOSITION. YEDIOT REPORTS THAT
 IF THE TREND CONTINUES, "THE GOV'T MIGHT FALL NEXT
 WEEK," WHEN THE LABOR OPPOSITION PARTY TABLES A
 NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION.

B) POLITICAL CORRS. REPORT THAT MOST OF THE BLAME FOR
 THE GOVERNMENT'S POOR SHOWING IS PLACED BY CABINET
 MINISTERS ON FORMER DEFMIN ARIEL SHARON, WHO DID NOT
 TAKE PART IN YESTERDAY'S VOTES. MAARIV QUOTES LIKUD
 OFFICIALS TO THE EFFECT THAT "SHARON SEEKS TO TOPPLE THE
 SHAMIR GOV'T IN ORDER TO GET SHAMIR'S PLACE AS HEAD OF

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PARTY IN THE NEXT ELECTIONS." ACCORDING TO THE SAME
MAARIV STORY, "CABINET MINISTERS WANT SHAMIR TO SACK
SHARON IF HE DOES NOT SUPPORT THE GOV'T IN NEXT WEEK'S
NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE."

C) YEDIOT EDITOR IN CHIEF HERZL ROSENBLUM FEELS THAT IN
LIGHT OF THE BREAKDOWN IN THE GOV'T, "EARLY ELECTIONS
MIGHT VERY WELL BE THE LESSER OF ALL EVILS."

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A) HA'ARETZ REPORTS THAT FOLLOWING AN APPEAL TO THE
SUPREME COURT OF JUSTICE BY A NUMBER OF RESIDENTS IN THE
DAHEISHE REFUGEE CAMP NEAR BETHLEHEM, THE ISRAELI
DEFMINISTRY HAS PLEDGED NOT TO GO AHEAD FOR THE TIME
BEING WITH A PLAN TO LEVEL CAMP HOUSES BORDERING ON THE
HIGHWAY. THE PLAN IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN ENVISAGED IN
ORDER TO MAKE HIT-AND-RUN ATTACKS ON PASSING ISRAELI
CARS MORE DIFFICULT.

UM ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE U.S. DECLINES:

A) LOCAL PRESS CITES THE FINDINGS OF THE ANTI-DEFAMATION
LEAGUE THAT "THERE HAS BEEN A MARKED DROP IN THE NUMBER
OF ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS IN THE U.S. IN THE PAST TWO
YEARS." THE ADL ATTRIBUTES THE SHIFT TO MORE EFFECTIVE
LAWS AND AN EDUCATIONAL DRIVE AGAINST ANTI-JEWISH
PREJUDICES, AS WELL AS TO IMPROVED PROTECTIVE MEASURES
TAKEN BY THE JEWISH COMMUNITY.

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